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METHODS OF USING SAME TO MODULATE CELL GROWTH

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, (Paper No. 13), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please enter the following rewritten claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An antisense oligonucleotide, or analog thereof, from about 7 to about 100 nucleotides in length comprising a sequence complementary to a transcribed region of a human or rodent neuropilin gene, wherein said oligonucleotide, or analog thereof, specifically binds to a nucleic acid comprising a sequence corresponding to said transcribed region and inhibits human or rodent neuropilin expression.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on December 19, 2001, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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